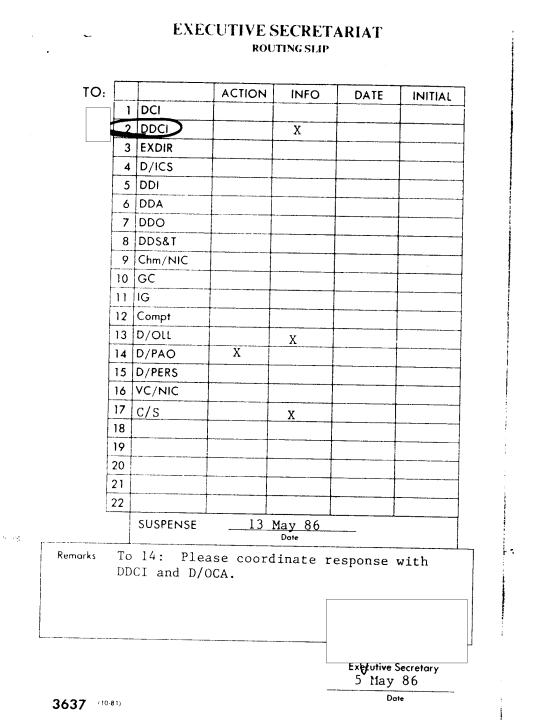
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Dr. Robert Gates
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Dear Dr. Gates:

I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Edward Eisele, the Chairperson of a Young Presidents' Organization study tour, who has requested that you speak before his group when they are in Washington on May 23-24.

Mr. Eisele and twenty-five couples will be traveling in the Soviet Union in late May and early June. They have scheduled several noted speakers for their stop in Washington, including Robert McFarlane, David Chadchadvadze and Dr. Dimitri Simes. They would be very honored to have you speak to the group on Soviet propaganda and disinformation, and I urge you to make every effort to fit this event into your schedule.

As a friend of Mr. Eisele, I can vouch for his integrity and commitment to make this study tour a very serious and worthwhile endeavor. Your participation would be an invaluable addition to their preparation for the trip to the Soviet Union. If, however, you are unable to participate, I would appreciate your assistance in obtaining an appropriate speaker.

I know that your schedule is very busy, Dr. Gates, and I am grateful for your timely consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to have a member of your staff contact me or Torie Clarke in my office at 225-2635.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

John McCain

Member of Congress

JM/vc